

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 21, 1978

The regular meeting of County Council was opened by Vice Chairman Buddy Herring, with the invocation by Mr. Crain. Absent: Supervisor Phinney and Councilman Ables.

Motion by Mr. Moore seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried to approve minutes of the March 7th meeting as printed.

Mr. Whittenburg, Spokesman for the Seneca River Baptist Association, requested quarry dust from the county quarry for parking areas of their new church. They agreed to haul the dust if the County would furnish it. Motion by Mr. Frady seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried to refer this matter to the Roads Committee.

Affirmative action was taken by Council on the sewer contract with Arthur Young Consultant Firm of Charlotte, N. C. for the UCICR (Users Charge Industrial Charge Recovery) Study at a total cost of \$22,853. Motion by Mr. Moore seconded by Mr. Crain.

Some forty additional manpower jobs were approved, Mr. Crain made the motion, Mr. Thomas seconded.

Ordinance 78-1 was approved on third reading upon a motion by Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. Moore. The vote 6 yes; 0 no.

Ordinance 78-2 "Sewer Reorganization" was approved on third reading upon a motion by Mr. Moore seconded by Mr. Bailes. The vote 6 yes; 0 no.

Ordinance 78-3 "Supplemental Budget" was adopted on second reading. Motion by Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. Frady. The vote 6 yes; and 0 no.

Councilman Bailes moved to endorse the principal of holding a primary election, time permitting, if another vacancy should occur on County Council. Crain seconded and it was agreed. (A copy of letter advising Mr. Riley, Chairman of the Democratic Party is attached.)

Council concurred with a motion by Mr. Thomas for County deputies to patrol certain areas of the U. S. Forest Service from April through October each year. The Forest Service agrees to reimburse the County up to \$3,000 for this service. Mr. Cox seconded Mr. Thomas's motion and all votes were in favor except Mr. Frady who abstained as he felt this could result in a request for additional deputies.

Mr. Thomas' request to fund the Civil Defense an additional \$1,000 for the remainder of the year for gas/maintenance for emergency use only was carried unanimously. Mr. Cox seconded.

It was agreed by Council Members to advise Mr. Fant Honea, Rural Fire Warden, that he is working under the supervision of the Oconee County Rural Fire Board. Motion by Mr. Moore seconded by Mr. Cox and carried.

A petition with some thirty-two signatures requesting an old county road be reopened by the S. T. Hunter and T. A. Moorehead property, a distance of approximately one mile from Dr. Johns Road to Hwy. 123, was discussed and referred to the Road Committee for a report. Motion by Mr. Moore seconded by Mr. Crain and passed.

The road leading from North Church Street to Walhalla High and Walhalla Middle Schools was again discussed. Mr. Moore presented a map, a copy of which is attached, to the members of the Council which shows the proposed location of the road (shaded portion on map). Mr. Moore stated that the School Trustees had approved the road to be located as shown; however, Mr. Crain, Chairman of the Roads Sub-Committee stated he had not received such a request from the School Board. Mr. Moore moved to open the road, do grubbing and some gravel at an approximate cost of \$2,000. Mr. Frady seconded. In discussion it was pointed out by Mr. Bailes that this would alleviate some of the heavy traffic on the Pickens Highway during the time of day students are going to and from school. He further pointed out the opening of this road could possibly save a life. The vote was 4 for and 2 against (Thomas and Crain).

Funds in the amount of \$930 for the salary for the temporary manager at the Oconee Airport for the month of March were approved. Motion by Mr. Bailes, seconded by Mr. Crain and carried. It was pointed out by Council Members that the Aeronautics Commission would be advised that before any more funds could be approved they would have to come back to Council and they were urged to go ahead with the hiring of a fixed base operator.

Mr. Herring read a request from the Arts Commission requesting the old jail be used as an Art Museum and Arts Commission Office. This was referred to the Buildings and Grounds Committee to meet with the Arts Commission on this and report back.

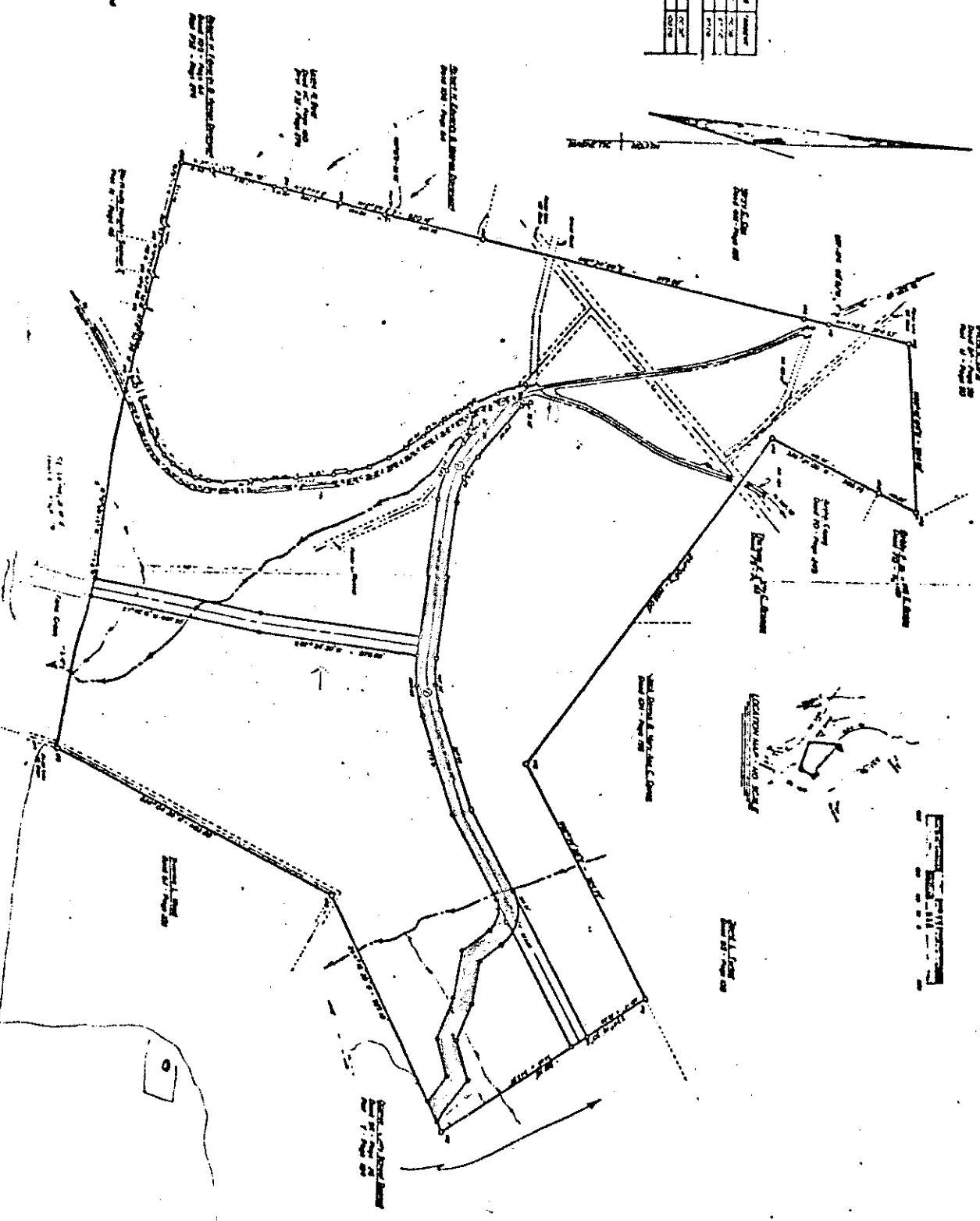
It was moved by Mr. Frady seconded by Mr. Crain and agreed to go into execution session to discuss personnel matters - no action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

**MILL WOODS
 HALLA & FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY
 HANGER TOWNSHIP
 OCONEE COUNTY - SOUTH CAROLINA**

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March 22, 1978

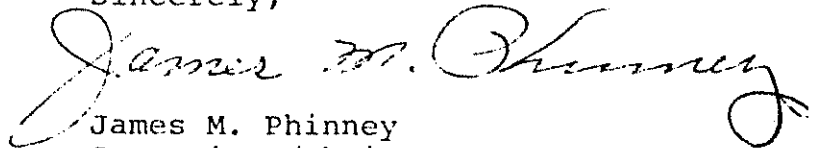
Mr. Ernest M. Riley
Chairman Democratic Party Oconee County
Route 2
Westminster, S.C. 29393

Dear Mr. Riley:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that the Oconee County Council, at a regularly scheduled meeting on March 21, 1978 unanimously adopted the following motion: "BE IT RESOLVED that the Oconee County Council fully endorses the principle of holding primary elections to fill vacancies on the Oconee County Council when the time factor permits the holding of said primary".

Please be assured that the Oconee County Council stands ready to cooperate with you and the Members of the Oconee County Democratic Party.

Sincerely,


James M. Phinney
Supervisor/Chairman

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CC: Chairman, Republican Party, Oconee County
Members, Oconee County Delegation